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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL NOTES ON CEAUSESCU VISIT TO FRG

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1. GERMAN AMBASSADOR WICHERT HAS NOW GIVEN ME EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF CEAUSESCU'S TRIP TO FRG, WHICH ACCORDS WITH VARIOUS BONN MESSAGES. VARIOUS ADDITIONAL BITS OF INFORMATION FOLLOW INCLUDING SOME POINTS THAT REPORTEDLY RELATE TO RESTRICTED TALK BETWEEN BRANDT AND CEAUSESCU ALONE:

2. CEAUSESCU SUGGESTED THAT BILATERAL TRADE COULD REACH  
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2.5 BILLION MARKS BY END OF CURRENT ROMANIAN FIVE YEAR PLAN

(1975) AND 4.5 BILLION BY END OF FOLLOWING FIVE YEAR PLAN.

BRANDT AGREED THIS WOULD BE REALISTIC.

3. AFTER NOTING CEAUSESCU DESIRE FOR CREDITS AT LOW INTEREST AND GERMAN REFUSAL THEREOF, WICKERT SAID ROMANIANS SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED PRIVATE BANK CREDIT FOR 200 MILLION DM AT 9 1/2 PER CENT INTEREST. CREDIT WAS PRESUMABLY CURRENCY LOAN SINCE WICKERT SAID IT WAS NOT DESIGNED TO SUPPORT GERMAN EXPORTS WHICH FRG NOW SEEKING TO RESTRAIN.

4. CEAUSESCU SPOKE OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN EC AND COMECON, WHICH GERMANS FOUND TO BE SURPRISING FROM ROMANIA.

5. ONLY ONE JOINT VENTURE (RENK) FINALIZED. NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHERS WOULD PROBABLY DRIFT UNTIL IT BECAME CLEAR HOW FIRST ONE DEVELOPED. VOLKSWAGEN WAS CAUTIOUS ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED TOO DEEPLY TOO FAST. IT WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING JOINT VENTURE FOR PARTS ONLY; IF THAT WERE CONCLUDED AND THEN PROVED SUCCESSFUL, PRODUCTION OF VEHICLES COULD BE CONSIDERED.

6. CEAUSESCU RAISED WAR CLAIMS BUT BRANDT CUT HIM OFF QUICKLY, SAYING ROMANIA HAD NOT BEEN NOTED FOR ACTIVE ROLE AGAINST HITLER. FRG WILL CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS CONNECTED WITH SPECIFIC WAR CRIMES, OF WHICH THERE ARE ONLY A VERY FEW CASES. CEAUSESCU SAID MATTER WAS NOT IMPORTANT TO ROMANIA AND QUICKLY DROPPED IT.

7. GERMANS DID NOT RAISE DEIVIDED FAMILIES QUESTION SINCE GOR HAS BEEN DOING RATHER WELL THIS YEAR IN PERMITTING EMIGRATION AND FRG SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS.

8. ON QUESTION OF CONSULATES, ROMANIANS OFFERED ONLY FOUR COUNTIES AROUND SIBIU, SPECIFICALLY SIBIU, HUNEDOARA, ALBA AND BRASOV. GERMANS SAID THEY DID NOT EVEN WANT BRASOV WHICH COULD BE HANDLED FROM BUCHAREST. THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN CONSULATE TO COVER GERMAN COMMUNITY AS SUCH BUT IN MAKING CONSULAR SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO APPLICANTS. ROMANS ALSO OFFERED A CONSULATE AT CONSTANTA WHICH GERMANS CONFIDENTIAL

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TURNED DOWN. ROMANIANS PEGGED THEIR REFUSAL TO EXPAND CONSULAR DISTRICT TO UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR THEIR DEADLOCKED NEGOTIATIONS WITH HUNGARIANS OVER CONSULATE AT CLUJ. THEY ALSO CITED HUNGARIAN CLAIMS IN RESPECT TO LARGE HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN TRANSYLVANIA AS PART OF RATIONALE FOR REJECTING GERMAN PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON DESIRABILITY OF EVENTUAL UNIFICATION OF NATIONALITIES.

9. IN "FOUR EYES" MEETING, BRANDT HOLD CEAUSESCU  
THAT CORNERSTONE OF GERMAN POLICY REMAINED AND WOULD REMAIN  
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND CLOSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. CDAUSESCU  
SUGGESTION OF REACHING AGREEMENTS IN EUROPE FOR WITHDRAWAL  
OF FOREIGN TROOPS WAS REJECTED WITH TERSE BRANDT COMMENT  
THAT GERMANS HAD ANOTHER TREATY. CEAUSESCU EXPRESSED CONCERN  
THAT MBFR FOCUS ON CENTRAL EUROPE WOULD BRING DANGER TO  
FLANKS AND HE ALSO SPOKE MUCH OF BALKAN COOPERATION ALONG  
FAMILIAR LINES. IN THIS RESTRICTED MEETING, BRANDT ALSO  
EMPHATICALLY TOLD CEAUSESCU, APPARENTLY TO LATTER'S INITIAL  
SURPRISE AND ARGUMENT, THAT EC WOULD DEVELOP BY 1980 INTO  
RATHER WELL DEVELOPED POLITICAL ENTITY WITH MANY POLITICAL  
DECISIONS BEING TAKEN AT SUPRANATIONAL LEVEL.  
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